

SPA 13-001 Reimbursement for Primary Care Services

On December 26, 2012, the Department issued public notice of its intent to submit a Medicaid State Plan amendment to implement the provisions of Section 2012 of the Affordable Care Act in the Connecticut Law Journal.

The Department is in the process of finalizing this State Plan Amendment which provides reimbursement at 100% of the Medicare rate for eligible pediatric, internal medicine and family medicine providers for calendar years 2013 and 2014. Primary care services eligible for increased payments include currently payable services identified by CPT codes 99201-99499 and vaccine administration codes 90460, 90471-90474.

The Department has been reviewing the final CMS rule concerning the regulations, which was released in November as well as additional CMS guidance which was released in December and on January 7, 2013. The methodology and payment of the enhanced rate is contingent upon CMS approval. The Department anticipates implementation of all the necessary changes to occur no later than July 1, 2013. All changes will be implemented retroactive to January 1, 2013 dates of service¹³. The Department's agent for processing of claims will automatically identify and reprocess the necessary claims.

The Department will post the State Plan Amendment on this website as soon as it is finalized. Members of the public who wish to comment on SPA 13-001 will have 14 days from the date of posting to submit comments to the Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

NOTICE OF PROPOSED MEDICAID STATE PLAN AMENDMENT

The State of Connecticut Department of Social Services (the "Department") proposes to submit an amendment to the Medicaid State Plan to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Effective January 1, 2013, this State Plan Amendment (SPA) will: (1) amend the fees for selected services provided by certain primary care physicians to match 100% of Medicare rates for calendar years 2013 and 2014 and (2) amend the fees for vaccine administration under the Vaccines for Children Program to match 100% of Medicare rates for calendar years 2013 and 2014.

Changes to the Medicaid State Plan

Effective January 1, 2013, this State Plan Amendment, Transmittal Number 13-001, will amend the fees for services provided by certain primary care physicians to match 100% of Medicare rates for calendar years 2013 and 2014, calculated pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1396a(a)(13)(C) and

42 C.F.R. § 447.405(a). These increased rates will apply to the primary care procedure codes identified pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1396a(jj) and 42 C.F.R. § 447.400(c). Primary care physicians identified pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1396a(13)(C) and 42 C.F.R. § 447.400(a) will be eligible to receive 100% of the Medicare rates for those primary care services.

Effective January 1, 2013, this State Plan Amendment will also amend the fees for vaccine administration provided under the Vaccines for Children program to match 100% of Medicare rates for calendar years 2013 and 2014, calculated pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 447.405(b).

Fiscal Information – Estimated Annual Change to Federal Medicaid Expenditures

Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(dd) and 42 C.F.R. § 447.415, during calendar years 2013 and 2014, there will be 100% federal financial participation for the portion of each fee described above that exceeds the payment that would have been made under the approved Medicaid State Plan in effect on July 1, 2009. This SPA's federal fiscal impact for federal fiscal years 2013 and 2014 has not been estimated at this time.

Information on Obtaining SPA Language and Submission of Comments

In accordance with federal requirements governing the Medicaid program, upon request, the Department will provide copies of the proposed amendment to the Medicaid State Plan. In addition, copies of the proposed amendment may be obtained at each of the Department's regional offices and on the Department's web site: <http://www.ct.gov/dss>. Go to "Publications" and then to "Updates."

Mail, telephone, and email requests should be directed to: Ginny Mahoney, Department of Social Services, Medical Policy Unit, 25 Sigourney Street, 11th Floor, Hartford, CT 06106-5033, Telephone: (860) 424-5145, Fax: (860) 424-5799, Email: ginny.mahoney@ct.gov. Please reference the appropriate SPA heading listed above (*e.g.*, "SPA TN # 13-001 Primary Care Physicians' Services and Vaccine Administration"). Written comments may be submitted to the above address, fax number, or email address until January 15, 2013.